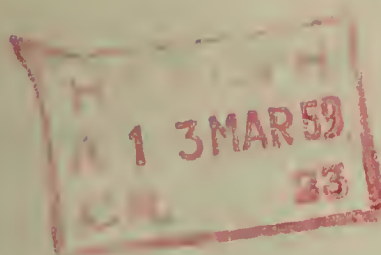


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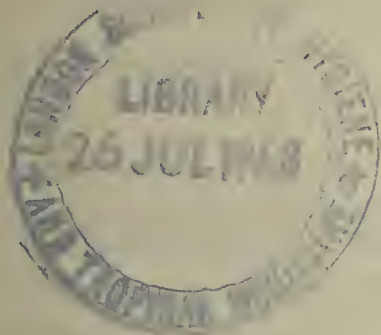
Report of the Port Health Inspector

by

T.D.BLOTT, B.Sc., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.

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# MALDON PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

Comprising the Borough of Malden, Maldon Rural District, West Mersea Urban District and Lexden and Winstree Rural District.

His Worship the Mayor - Aldermen D.T.K.Tonkin. J.P.

Alderman Mrs. E.F.M.Brewster, C.C., D.R. Cargill, E.C.Dines, J.P. D.C. Fenn.

Councillors F.W.Brewster, C.Dowsett, A.V.Edwards, Mrs. E.R.Flack, W.G.Ginn,

S.Hardy-King, Rev. W.A.Harling, G.J.Hughes, W.S.Hutchinson, Mrs. W.R.Keeble,

D.L.Lewsey, R.W.C.Marsh, A.G.Ralph, A. Richardson and A.E. Woodward.

## SECTION I STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer.	Nature of Appointment.	Date of Appointment	Qualifications.	Any other appointments Held.
K.C. Robertson.	Clerk.	1st August 1947	Solicitor and Town Clerk.	Town Clerk Borough of Maldon,
Dr. T.D.Blott.	Medical Officer of Health.	1st March 1954	B.Sc. M.B. B.S. D.P.H.	Medical Officer of Health Borough of Maldon
R.A. Hallett	Port Health Inspector.	25th September 1950	Cert S.I.J.B M.R.S.H. M.A.P.H.I.	Public Health Inspector. Borough of Maldon.
C.F.Hunt.	Treasurer.	1st January, 1944	Borough Treasurer	Treasurer Borough of Maldon.





To the Mayor, the Aldermen and the Councillors  
of the Borough of Maldon.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my fifth annual report on the sanitary condition of the Port of Maldon covering the year ended 31st December, 1958.

During the year certain difficulties were experienced in the inspection of boats owing to the replacement of the Council's full time River Bailiff by a part time River Bailiff and by the fact that a number of boats have been laid up in the lower reaches of the Blackwater. Inspections have, however, been carried out and the general condition of boats inspected was found to be satisfactory. I attach great importance to these inspections in ensuring that safety standards are maintained.

I was appointed as your delegate to attend the Conference of the Association of Sea and Air Port Health Authorities at Edinburgh but unfortunately I was unable to attend owing to pressure of other work.

Following an exceptional storm coinciding with a period of high tides, information was received early in November that 7 cases of typhoid fever had occurred and that West Mersea oysters were suspected. A meeting of the West Mersea Fishermen was held immediately. I explained the situation to them and they decided unanimously to exercise a voluntary control pending permanent arrangements for the cleansing of oysters.

On the 18th November you accepted my recommendation that an Order should be made under the Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934/1948 requiring the cleansing of all oysters taken from the whole of the river Blackwater west of a line drawn from the easterly tip of Mersea Island to Bradwell Point. This Order received approval and will come into force on the 1st April, 1959, bringing to a close a long period of investigation and will I feel sure be of lasting benefit to the industry as well as a guarantee of safety to the public.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

T. D. BLOTT.,

Medical officer of Health.

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SECTION 11 - Amount of shipping entering the district during the year.

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage.	Number inspected.		Number of ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health.	By the Public Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports.	51	12,528	4	9	Nil
Coastwise	101	4,526	7	21	Nil
Total	152	17,054	11	30	Nil

SECTION 111 - Character of shipping and trade during the year,

TABLE c

PASSENGER TRAFFICE	(Number of Passengers (Number of Passengers	INWARDS OUTWARDS	Nil Nil
CARGO TRAFFIC	(PRINCIPAL IMPORTS (PRINCIPAL EXPORTS	Timber, Wheat, Live Eels, Wheat.	
PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive.	London, Colchester, White Sea, Baltic and Norwegian Ports and Rotterdam.		

SECTION IV - Inland Barge Traffic

Nil





SECTION V - Water Supply

NO CHANGE

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SECTION VI - Public Health (Ships) Regulations, 1952

NO CHANGE

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SECTION VII - Venereal Disease.

NO CHANGE

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SECTION VIII - Smallpox

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SECTION IX - Cases of Notifiable and other Infectious Diseases on ships.

TABLE D

NIL

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SECTION X - Observations on the occurrence of Malaria in ships.

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SECTION XI - Measures taken against ships infected with or suspected for plague.

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SECTION XII - Measures against rodents in ships from foreign ports.

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SECTION XIII - Inspection of Ships for Nuisances.

TABLE G

Inspections and Notices.

Nature and Number of Inspections		Notices served		Result of Serving Notices.
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices.	
Crew Accommodation	41	NIL	NIL	NIL
Galley and Food Store	41	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL	82	NIL	NIL	NIL

SECTION XIV - Public Health (Shellfish) Regulations 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE.

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WEST MERSEA OYSTER FISHERY The preamble to this report gives the full story of the events in 1958 which occurred in connection with the oyster fishery within the Port Area.

SECTION XV - Medical Inspections of Aliens (Not applicable).

SECTION XVI - Miscellaneous.

NO CHANGE.







